



Sincerely yours,  
Ted Kaczynski

# THE UNABOMBER LETTERS

## A YAHOO NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

# Trying to understand technology from behind bars

Kaczynski has never seen the Internet, but over the last 20 years, he's become familiar with sites like Facebook and Amazon, thanks to his network of pen pals.

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... my letter to you at 6/7/10.

As for the Facebook idea, I can't give a definite answer because I know so little about Facebook. But my initial reaction is strongly negative, because the little that I do know suggests that Facebook is a mainly a place where adolescents (of any age) post narcissistic self-advertisements in an attempt to make friends via the Internet.

Let's remember that what is important is not Ted Kaczynski. The thing that really matters is what the technoindustrial system is doing to the world. That is the subject —————→



could end up paying royalties twice -- once to charity and once to the govt.

I would like it to be known that Parfrey did this charity thing without my consent or my prior knowledge.

⑤ In your letter of May 29, 2010 you asked me, "Is there any subscription or book that you might like as a birthday present?" Yes, there is! I would like very much to have a copy of Martin E.P. Seligman, Helplessness: On Depression, Development, and Death (1975). This book is out of print, but you might be able to find a copy via the Internet, maybe on Amazon.com or something like that. Actually, I suspect you won't be able to find a copy even on the Internet. But it's likely that a copy



Trouble TO CONTACT my lawyer.

⑦ I have a question. Someone sent me a thing from amazon.com that lists booksellers that sell Tech Slavery. This is at

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/1932595805/  
ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_ol...](http://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/1932595805/ref=sr_1_1_ol...) (6/17/2010)

An example of a listing is:

Seller: any\_book

Rating: ★★★★★ (521948 ratings) 93% positive over the past 12 months.

My question is, what do these numbers mean?



TJK to LYDIA ECCLES 11/30/10

you and she could form a starting-point for such a group.

④ I'm going to have to make the utmost effort to limit what I spend on postage. In the first place, my main source of money has dried up. (That's a rather bizarre story that I'll save for some other occasion.) In the second place, the BOP has now decided to limit the stamps prisoners can purchase to twenty 44¢ stamps per week, or the equivalent in stamps of other denominations. So even if I had a million bucks I would still have to cut down on my correspondence. Or at least cut down on my use of postage stamps.

So I'm going to need some help from friends; like, I can send things to friends and they can distribute them to others, so that I won't have to expend postage stamps to distribute the things directly. I've been doing this to some extent already, as you know from the fact that Patrick Scardo has sent you some of my things. But I'll need to use this method more in the future. Especially with mail that I send to Spain.

I'm thinking, too, that my friends on the outside may be able to send things more cheaply by electronic means than they can be sent by ordinary mail.

Question 1. Is it cheaper to send materials by fax than it is to send them by regular mail?



Question 2. Can materials be "scanned" and then sent by email, and, if so, is this cheaper than sending them by ordinary mail?

⑤ The concrete problem I'm faced with at the moment is that of sending a bunch of stuff to my correspondents in Spain. I have several magazine articles to send them, at least two of which should be important from their point of view. I've also "finished" a long essay that I want to send them. (I put the word "finished" in quotation marks because I'm unable to finish the essay properly; maybe my Spanish friends will be able to provide some of the information that I lack.) I still have to make a clean copy of the essay, and I probably won't get that done for at least 2 or 3 weeks.

Anyway, when I get it done the problem will be how to get all this stuff to Spain. It would be expensive for me to send it all from here, and moreover there would be a risk that it could all be lost, because it has happened several times in the past that things I've sent to Spain have disappeared en route. (It would be prohibitively expensive to send the material by registered mail.) If you mailed the material to Spain for me it would still be expensive (somewhere in the neighborhood of ten dollars, I would guess), but you could keep photocopies of the material to insure against its loss. You might want to keep copies for yourself



Your bookmark idea -- how about just a slip of paper instead. If you send several bookmarks, on cardboard, I'm not sure the prison people will let them get through to me. The slip of paper should mention that Tech Slavery is available from amazon.com, and it should tell people that if they want to hear from me they should send me an email address. That way, I can frustrate autograph collectors.



TED KACZYNSKI  
to

0214.0 June 11, 2003

Dear Mr. ....

I hope you have received my letter dated June 7. Here is the article that I promised you in that letter. As you can see, it is titled "The System's Neatest Trick," and I invite you to put it on the Internet. Unfortunately, I'll have to ask you not to put my name on the Internet with the article. You can say that the article is by "Niktō", which is the Russian word for "Nobody".

The reason for this is that I'm not sure whether the other article I tried to send you was blocked by the authorities because of its content, or because it had my name on it. An article that will appear on the Internet without my name may have a better chance of being passed by the authorities.

I'm also enclosing herewith the letter that I tried to send you with the other article in May.

Best regards,

Ted Kaczynski

Enclosures:

"The System's Neatest Trick", by Niktō (31 pages)  
Letter from Ted Kaczynski to K. G. Karnig dated

5/19/03



1 ED KACZYNSKI  
to

071 June 8, 2003

[As of 8/30/03 I have not  
received the book from

- TJK]

Dear

Thanks for your birthday card. I've been incredibly busy — in part with the problem of getting back my documents from the FBI — which is a huge legal mess — and in part with other problems — like, for instance, it looks as if the prison authorities might start preventing me from sending out things that I've written.

As regards the three books that you located, yes, I would love to have them — but I have already asked certain other people to send me some books, and inmates here are only allowed to keep a limited number of books in their cells. So, if you want to send me one of the three books — say Amadis — I will appreciate it. But please don't send me more than one book.

Also, there is a catch — they have a new rule here now that inmates are allowed to receive books only if they are sent directly from the publisher, a book club, or a bookstore. So you would not be able to send me a book yourself. You would have to order it and have it shipped to me directly from the publisher or a bookstore.

Question: Would you be willing and able to put things on the Internet for me? Assuming, of course, that the prison authorities let me send you the things, which they might not do.

Best regards, Ted



To Whom It May Concern:

I have never written to or  
corresponded with America  
Online. TJK 8/13/01

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